

CITY OF ADELAIDE NEEDS ANALYSIS FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPORTS COURTS



The purpose of the Adelaide Needs Analysis for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Courts was to ascertain the current and expected future demand for indoor and outdoor sport courts within the City with regards to population growth forecasts, current use, recreation trends and Council's strategic objectives with an aim to encourage healthy lifestyles and activate the Park Lands. An evidence-based needs analysis was completed to determine the optimal number and type of indoor and outdoor sport courts and associated infrastructure to accommodate current and future demand for the next ten to fifteen years within the City of Adelaide. Recommendations for investigation, partnership opportunities, improvements and design considerations were provided to the City of Adelaide to improve the provision and management of sports courts going forward.



These type of assessments are not just limited to outdoor sports courts and can also include all types of recreational facilities and open spaces and can bring several benefits to the communities and regions where they are undertaken, including:

Informed Decision-Making

Tredwell's needs assessments provide essential data and insights to inform decision-making processes. By understanding the specific requirements, demands, and gaps in sporting infrastructure, local authorities and stakeholders can make informed choices regarding the allocation of resources, investment priorities, and development plans. This ensures that limited resources are utilised efficiently and effectively to address the most pressing needs of the local community.



Targeted Infrastructure Development

Tredwell's assessments help identify the specific types of recreational facilities required in a particular area. This targeted approach allows for the development of facilities that align with the preferences and demands of the local population. By providing the right infrastructure in the right locations, communities can enjoy increased access to recreational opportunities, leading to enhanced physical activity levels, improved health and well-being, and increased social cohesion.



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Enhanced Sports Participation

By understanding the needs and preferences of the local population, Tredwell's assessments can help identify barriers to sports participation and recommend strategies to overcome them. This may include considerations such as facility accessibility, programming diversity, and affordability. By addressing these barriers, these assessments can contribute to increased sports participation rates, providing opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities to engage in physical activity and sports.

Economic and Tourism Benefits

The development of needs assessments can have positive economic impacts on any given local area. Well-designed and well-maintained facilities can attract sports events, tournaments, and competitions, bringing in visitors from other regions or even internationally. This influx of visitors can stimulate the local economy by generating revenue for accommodation, dining, entertainment, and other businesses. Additionally, sports tourism can help raise the profile of the area, promoting it as a desirable destination for sports-related activities and attracting further investment.

Community Pride and Identity

The availability of quality recreational infrastructure contributes to the overall quality of life in a community. By providing accessible and attractive spaces for sports and recreation, Tredwell's needs assessments can foster community pride and a sense of identity. Such facilities become focal points for social interaction, community engagement, and the development of local talent. They create opportunities for people to come together, strengthen social bonds, and build a shared sense of belonging.

Long-Term Sustainability

Tredwell's assessments consider feasibility aspects such as cost estimation, design requirements, and technical considerations. This focus on sustainability ensures that the identified needs are financially viable and environmentally responsible in the long run. By incorporating sustainable practices and efficient resource management, the assessments can help create infrastructure that minimises operational costs, reduces environmental impact, and ensures the longevity of the facilities for the benefit of future generations.

Needs assessments can benefit local areas by facilitating informed decision-making, targeted infrastructure development, increased sports participation, economic and tourism benefits, foster community pride, and ensure long-term sustainability. These outcomes can contribute to the overall well-being, vibrancy, and liveability of local communities in New Zealand.

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